



# Mandarin Newsletter

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The Friendliest Club in District 6970



## Welcome to the Rotary Club of Mandarin

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.



Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. [More info.....](#)

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to: Become connected to your community. Work with others in addressing community needs. Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts. Establish contacts with an international network of professionals. Develop leadership skills. Involve family in promoting service efforts. [More info.....](#)

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### Club Leaders

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President-Elect

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Vice President

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Attendance Secretary, Recording Secretary, Secretary

**Nancy A Babineaux**

Foundation Chair

**John P. Hart**

Treasurer

**Brian J. Register**

Membership Chair

### Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries found.

### Events

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December 02

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December 23

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December 30

## Upcoming Meeting Assignments

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-01

	GREETER:	GREETER:	INTRODUCTION:	INVOCATION:	RAFFLE:
12/16/14	Brian Register	Scott Richburg	Ed Grey	Chris Phillips	Liz Shaw
12/23/14	No Meeting	Christmas break	Christmas break	Christmas break	Christmas break
12/30/14	No Meeting	Christmas break	Christmas break	Christmas break	Christmas break
01/06/15	Gale Ruskusky	Jim Register	Fred Schramm	Fred Pozin	Wilson Smith
01/13/15	Gary Sneddon	Jerry Snider	Gary Stasco	Rose Marie Preddy	Michael Sullivan
01/20/15	Liz Shaw	Ryan Tiedeberg	Robin Tuck	Ricardo Quinones	Ray Wolford
01/27/15	Dale Zimmerman	Jim Akers	Ken Allen	Al Kalter	Rob Asken
02/03/15	Nancy Babineaux	Jim Barker	Fred Barnett	Dennis Lafer	Kevin Carlton

It is the responsibility of the person assigned that week to find a replacement if unable to attend the Tuesday breakfast meeting .

## Minutarian

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-12-15

### Week 24. Rotary Minute for week beginning December 15, 2014.

As you know, every 4<sup>th</sup> week is recap time for the previous three weeks, so here we go!

**Week 21:** A shout-out to Brent Coates who was selected last week by our District Nominating Committee to serve as District Governor for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Brent is a member of the Rotary Club of Palatka Sunrise and has served in a number of District positions... An FYI that in mid November several of our District leaders attended the Zone 33/34 Institute in Asheville, North Carolina... And a thanks to all of the volunteers who interviewed our RYE outbound applicants.

**Week 22:** A reminder that December is Family month – a time to celebrate and appreciate family in its many connotations. You were encouraged to expand our celebration and appreciation of family to include the Family of Rotary – those we serve, as well as those who help us serve. You were also encouraged, if appropriate, to include Interact and Rotaract members in your holiday meetings and events. Good thoughts to keep in mind as we consider what family means to us personally, to our clubs and to Rotary.

**Week 23:** Notification to start thinking about the awards that will be presented at our District Conference in May. And an alert that R.I. President Gary C.K. Huang has revamped the Presidential Citation during his year to make it more challenging. Preparing for this award will strengthen your club... **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** On the subject of awards, please note that PDG Brent Williams received the E.T. and Vam York Service Above Self award last week. The award ceremony took place at his home club, Rotary Club of Gainesville, with several Past and future District Governors in attendance. A link to the video of the ceremony can be found on our District's website.

Event Reminders:

**December 17:** The Big Reveal, where the RYE outbound students find out the country they have been assigned for their year of study. Event takes place at 6:30pm at Westminster Woods where the Rotary Club of Bartram Trail meets.

**February 7:** Our second Rotary Leadership Institute will be conducted at the Orange Park Campus of St. Johns River State College.

**May 8-10:** District Conference and Assembly at the Flagler College campus in St. Augustine.

For more on these and all other events in District 6970, please go to [www.rotary6970.org](http://www.rotary6970.org).

Yours in service to Rotary,

Percy

District Governor 2014-2015

Rotary International District 6970

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## Meeting December 9- Masha International Exchange

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-12-06



The Club was treated to a great presentation by our exchange student Masha.

She finds it hard to believe that her stay is already half way over. It seems like she just arrived.

She is very excited about her trip to Disney World in a couple of days.

Masha shared several facts about Russia. While we tend to think of Russia as being far away, there is only 2,600 miles separating the two countries. There are 12 million people in Moscow. St. Petersburg is one of her favorite cities and is the cultural center of Russia.

She talked about her home city of Rybinsk. It has 200,000 people and is 216 miles from Moscow.

The winters in Russia are very cold with lots of snow.

There are 11 grades for students in Russia as compared to the 12 in the US; however, they have school on Saturday.

Masha learned to play the piano and violin. She also likes to draw and swim. She once went swimming in Russia in January. So now she likes to try and swim in January wherever she is at. She thinks the January swim in Jacksonville will probably be easier than the swim in Russia, but it will still be cold.

Masha also told the Club about her mother. Her name is Galina and she is a teacher. She also told us about her Grandmother. Her grandmother's dream is to go to Paris. Her grandmother is a music school teacher.

Masha has a cat and two turtles.

She told us her graduating class had 77 students and the school has all grade levels, so she had been with mostly the same students for the eleven years. She showed the Club pictures of her graduation party and explained what a big event it is.

She said she wanted to come to the United States to see what it was like. She said the stereotype they have of the US is that we are fat.

(editor's note: I don't think our club does much to disprove the stereotype:))

She is not certain what she wants to study, but does like to teach.

It was great for the Club to learn more about Russia. Masha has traveled to many countries and regardless of the politics, there are wonderful people everywhere.

It was very impressive that a young lady could do such an impressive presentation for a large group in a foreign country. We are fortunate to have her as our exchange student.

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## December 9 Invocation

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-12-11

Bob Askrin gave the following powerful invocation at the meeting.

. A Latin devotion on a wall of home in Pompeii.

"Meeting the Dawn"

Listen to the message of the dawn. Look to this day! It is life, the very life of Life.

In its brief course lie all of the verities and realities of your existence: The bliss of growth, The glory of action, The splendor of beauty.

For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision. But today, well lived, makes every life have meaning, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well therefore to this day. Such is the message of this dawn.

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## December 16 Meeting- Christmas Party

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-12-11

Tomorrow is the last meeting of the calendar year. It is the famous Mandarin Rotary Breakfast Christmas Party. The children will get to see Santa and the adults will be treated to some fantastic Christmas songs.

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## Max's Christmas Party Friday Night Dec 19

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

It's that time again.....Time for  
**The Mandarin Rotary's  
"FAMILY Holiday Party"**  
**FRIDAY....DECEMBER 19, 2014**  
**6:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

(Dress is Christmas Casual)

**Max Zahn's**  
9947 Blakeford Mill Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256  
R.S.V.P.: 363-1234  
fsumax@bellsouth.net

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## Membership Activity

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-03-01

2014-01-08

SECOND WEEK RUNNING: The following prospective members have been proposed to the Board. Their names are being published in the bulletin.

Name: Neewa Phelps

Category: Real Estate

Sponsor: Craig Fertenbaugh

Name: Barry Schuster

Category: Specialty Furniture

Sponsor: Jim Register

Name: Aaron Kaiser

Category: Banking

Sponsor: Al Kalter

If any member has an objection or comment regarding these memberships in the club, please direct it in written form to our president, Rita Story.

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## The Card

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-15

We have 13 cards in the deck and we are looking for the 7 of Clubs. The jackpot is now \$1,027. We are not drawing during the Christmas party, but will resume the drawing with the first meeting in January.

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## Max's Corner

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-10-27

A guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second  
> golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that  
> he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome.  
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> They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said, "We're  
> about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?" The  
> first guy said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the  
> terms.  
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> The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease.  
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> As they were walking off number eighteen, the second guy was busy  
> counting his \$80.00. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighboring  
> course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he  
> was the Parish Priest.  
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> The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money.  
> The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet  
> with you. You keep your winnings."  
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> The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"  
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> The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a  
> donation..... And, if you want to bring your mother and father along,  
> I'll marry them."  
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